

An Exciting Program for ICPE 2009!
Planned ISPE Student Events in Providence, RI
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A top priority of the 2008-2009 Student Council, chaired by Jennifer Polinski and Jessica Jalbert, has been to plan interesting and enjoyable student activities and events for the 25th annual ICPE meeting which will be held in Providence, RI this coming August. To meet this objective, the ISPE Student Council has been working tirelessly to make sure that students in attendance at the conference will have a productive, yet very memorable time. Student events and activities on the Providence ICPE program include: a student meet-and-greet, the student skills workshop, the student council meeting, and a student social event.

The **Student Meet-and-Greet will be held on Saturday August 15th, 2009**. The day before the official start date of the conference, all students are invited to have an early dinner and a glass of sangria at the Cuban Revolution Restaurant and Bar in downtown Providence. The Cuban Revolution is an affordable restaurant serving tasty Cuban food and great sangria all served in a setting with a counter-culture twist and Latin music. Cuban Revolution is a perfect venue to relax, unwind, and meet your peers.

On **Sunday August 16th, 2009, the annual Student Skills Workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The Student Council is currently looking into the possibility of splitting the allotted time into three sessions. One session will include discussions with pharmacoepidemiologists from academia, industry, and government on their experiences, on how they got to where they are, and on what advice they would give students interested in taking a similar path. In a second session, we will invite recent graduates from academia, industry, and government and have them share their recent experiences on the job market and ask them to help demystify the job search. The third session will either be a workshop on how to present effective oral presentations and posters or on non-traditional opportunities for students with training in epidemiology or pharmacoepidemiology. We look forward to the insightful advice/comments from our speakers and to stimulating questions from the students. We expect attendance at the Workshop to be high given the topics to be covered and their pertinence to each and every student. Coffee will be served.

The **Student Council Meeting will be held on Monday August 17th, 2009 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.** At this meeting, we will be electing a new chair and co-chair. The 2009-2010 chairs of the Student Council will serve for a one-year term, will represent student interests before the ISPE Board of Directors, and will help organize student activities/events at the mid-year and annual ISPE meetings. Since the next annual ICPE meeting will be held in Europe and the next mid-year meeting will be held in North America, the chair will be from Europe and the co-chair will be from North America. All student members of ISPE who are present at the meeting have voting rights. Any other business that the Student Council wishes to address before ISPE students will be raised at this meeting. Do not miss the opportunity to elect your representatives and to get involved! Lunch will be provided.

The Student Social Event will begin on Monday August 17th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at **Bravo Brasserie Restaurant** at 123 Empire Street in Downtown Providence. (<http://www.bravobrasserie.com>).

The Student Council looks forward to hosting, meeting, and entertaining students from all over the world in Providence, RI this coming August. In planning the student program, the Student Council sought to strike a good balance between activities and events that stimulated both “work” and “play.” The student activities and events were therefore not only meant to facilitate the exchange of ideas and to promote future collaborative research but also to provide a setting ripe for the creation of friendships and for having a great time.

We look forward to seeing you in Providence!